



Ontario's *Drive Clean*

Buying or selling a used vehicle?

A *Drive Clean* pass for a used vehicle is your assurance that the vehicle's emissions system is operating effectively. And that's good news for our health, our environment and your vehicle.

A *Drive Clean* test may be mandatory to license a vehicle for the road under new ownership, depending on where the vehicle is registered, its age and its size.

Light-duty vehicles (weighing 4,500 kg or less)

A light-duty resale vehicle to be registered in Ontario's *Drive Clean* program area – the southern Ontario smog zone – requires a test in the first calendar year after its model year, up to and including the 19th calendar year after its model year. In 2004, tests are required for model years 2003 to 1985, inclusive. In 2005, model years 2004 to 1986 inclusive must be tested. Light-duty vehicles include cars, pickup trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles.

Heavy-duty vehicles (weighing more than 4,500 kg)

All heavy-duty vehicles require a test for ownership transfer in the first calendar year after their model year, but there is no limit on vehicle age. In 2004, this includes vehicles that are model year 2003 and older. In 2005, it applies to all vehicles that are model year

2004 and older. Included are diesel vehicles registered anywhere in Ontario and non-diesel vehicles registered in the light-duty vehicle *Drive Clean* program area.

Transferring ownership

You can buy or sell a vehicle without an emissions pass, but it may not be able to be plated for the road – depending on where it is registered – without that pass report.

In any transaction, it is up to the buyer and seller to agree on who is responsible for the *Drive Clean* test and any repairs required to pass the test.

The Conditional Pass

Light-duty vehicles may get a conditional pass for registration renewal by using *Drive Clean*'s Repair Cost Limit. The conditional pass, however, cannot be used to license a resale vehicle for the road. This is an important consumer protection measure, since a conditional pass means that a vehicle likely has ongoing emissions problems.

Valid life of a *Drive Clean* pass

While a *Drive Clean* test is only required every two years for registration renewal for light-duty vehicles, an emissions pass report is valid for one year from the date of issue. During that year, it may be used for any number of ownership transactions as well as registration renewal. It must be valid on the expiry date of the licence plate or on the date of the transaction for a late renewal or ownership transfer. A *Drive Clean* pass for heavy-duty vehicles is also valid for one year from date of issue.

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